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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7, as amended, remain pending.

1. Applicants have amended the Title mooting the objection made to the Specification.

2. Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 over Masaki JP 11-003665.

Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Masaki discloses a plasma display panel having an MgO protective layer. Masaki also discloses that impurity ions, such as Fe, V, Mn, Cv and Ti may be added to the MgO layer so that the secondary electrons are discharged from multiple impurity levels within a band gap. Thus, Masaki does not disclose a protective layer comprised of MgO and an additional oxide that includes an element having an electronegativity of 1.4 or higher and having a negative charge, as claimed by applicants.

Masaki discloses first and second substrates 11 and 21, electrodes 12, a dielectric glass layer 13 covering electrodes 12, a protective MgO film 14, a second electrode 22, a barrier rib 24 and a phosphor layer 25; see Masaki, Figure 1. Masaki's electrodes 12 and 22 are parallel to each other on substrates 11 and 21. Thus, Masaki does not disclose first and second electrodes that are positioned orthogonally to each other, as claimed by applicants.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Masaki does not disclose all elements of applicants' claimed invention and therefore is not a proper basis for a §102 rejection of applicants' claims.

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Nor is there any disclosure or teaching in Masaki which would have suggested applicants' claimed invention. Thus reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the application is now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28951.2186). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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